

(c) Yes, Sir. 13 programmes for tribals and 2 programmes for women were conducted in the current financial year.

(d) The rate of success for programmes organised in Assam was 33.2 per cent whereas that for the North Eastern Region was about 30 per cent.

Major scandal in PMRY, SJRY loans

3005. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the "Lokmat Times" Nagpur Edition dated 18th January, 2001 under the heading "Major scandal in PMRY, SJRY loans";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard by Government for preventing such scandals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation which implements the Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has informed that the State Government of Maharashtra has not reported any scam in Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY).

Regarding the case reported in the news report pertaining to the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, the matter is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation and depending upon the final report, action shall be initiated. However, under the guidelines of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, applicants can also directly approach the banks for obtaining loan. These guidelines have been circulated to all the State Governments.